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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7, 19, 28, and 30 are amended by this response. No claims are canceled or added. Accordingly, following entry of these amendments, claims 1-33 will remain pending.

In the latest office action, the Examiner rejected claims which use the trade name Windows®. All claims using the trade name have been amended.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-8, 10-16, and 20-31 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 20030061335 (Thomas).

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-8 and 10 are patentable over Thomas. Thomas fails to teach, disclose, or suggest an interface-provisioning device configured to convey an executable program. Rather, Thomas indicates that an inter-process server 52 shown in **FIG. 2** (reproduced below) is responsible only for the communication of data and not executable software. In particular, paragraph 0022 discusses that the server 52 allows external programs to access management data in a Microsoft Windows environment.

FIG. 2
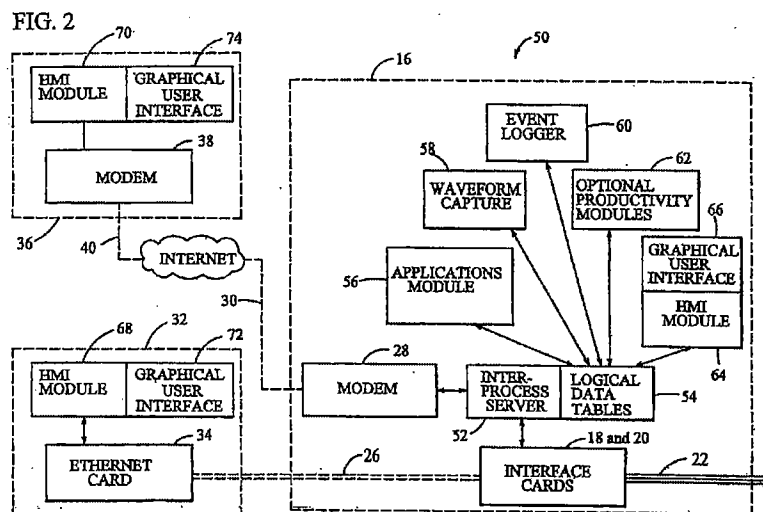
Similarly, Thomas describes the client software as already present on the client computer used to ask the server for data and create the client's graphical user interface. ¶0018. Conversely, claim 1 recites that an interface-provisioning device is configured to convey a computer-executable

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program toward a computer via an input/output and a communication network. For at least these reasons, claim 1 and claims 2-8 and 10, that depend from claim 1, are patentable over Thomas.

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 11-16 are patentable over Thomas. As discussed, Thomas indicates that an inter-process server 52 is responsible only for the communication of data and not executable software, and that client software is already present on the client computer used to ask the server for data and create the client's graphical user interface. Conversely, independent claim 11 recites computer-readable instructions for causing a computer to convey a computer-executable program to a network toward a remote device. For at least these reasons, independent claim 11 and claims 11-16, that depend from claim 11, are patentable over Thomas.

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 20-29 are patentable over Thomas. As discussed, Thomas indicates that an inter-process server 52 is responsible only for the communication of data and not executable software, and that client software is already present on the client computer used to ask the server for data and create the client's graphical user interface. Conversely, independent claim 20 recites a method of providing information regarding electronic equipment, the method comprising receiving an information request regarding the electronic equipment from a network browser application of a requesting device, and executing a computer-executable user-interface program at the requesting device to produce a user interface for providing information regarding the operation of the electronic equipment, the interface being in a first format that is distinct from a second format associated with the network browser application. For at least these reasons, independent claim 20 and claims 21-29, that depend from claim 20, are patentable over Thomas.

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 30-31 are patentable over Thomas. As discussed, Thomas indicates that an inter-process server 52 is responsible only for the communication of data and not executable software, and that client software is already present on the client computer used to ask the server for data and create the client's graphical user interface. Conversely, independent claim 30 recites a computer program product for use with a first electronic device configured to monitor a second electronic device, the computer program product comprising an ActiveX control comprising instructions for causing a computer to

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execute an interface-producing program to produce a Windows®-based user interface and to determine whether a desired version of the interface-producing program is stored in association with the first device. For at least these reasons, independent claim 30 and claim 31, that depends from claim 30, are patentable over Thomas.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 9 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas, in view of US Pat. No. 6,459,175 B1 (Potega).

Claim 9

Applicants respectfully assert that claim 9 is patentable over Thomas in view of Potega. Claim 9 depends from claim 1. Potega does not make up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to Thomas and thus claim 9 is patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 17-19

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 17-19 are patentable over Thomas in view of Potega. As discussed, Thomas indicates that an inter-process server 52 is responsible only for the communication of data and not executable software, and that client software is already present on the client computer used to ask the server for data and create the client's graphical user interface. Conversely, independent claim 17 recites an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) system comprising a monitor configured to determine information regarding power use and/or power needs of electric equipment, and an interface-provisioning means for conveying a computer-executable program for providing indicia of the information regarding the UPS system toward a computer via an input/output device and a communication network. Potega does not make up for the deficiencies of Thomas. For at least these reasons, independent claim 17 and claims 18-19, that depend from claim 17, are patentable over Thomas in view of Potega.

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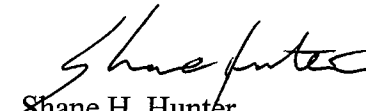Reply to Office Action of July 31, 2007

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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